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**SUNDAY, March 8:**  
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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1908.

## SUPREME COURT VACATION.

His Honour the Chief Justice in the letter we published yesterday pleasantly advances reasons for the position he has taken up in regard to the proposed extension of the Supreme Court Vacation. We congratulate His Honour upon the admirable good humour with which he handles his pen, and not even the epithet "diatribes" used in connection with certain of our innocent articles, moves us to retaliation. But we think it is due to ourselves, if His Honour means by "diatribes" continued reviling and reproach, to plead not guilty—as far as he is concerned. It is true that we wrote, in what could hardly be styled terms of eulogy, in reference to the volte face of certain of the solicitors of the Colony, but we have not written anything in regard to the Chief Justice that the most ingenious and least responsible of advocates could fairly describe as a diatribe. The sound advice was once given, we believe by an aged Judge to a young one: "Never give your reasons." Sir Francis Pigott has given his reasons for the holiday faith that is in him, and informally invites criticism. The whole trouble, we learn from his letter, is the irresponsibility of barristers. These "wicked" gentlemen take a holiday when it suits them and make it their period suit their own convenience without regard for that of the public. The Chief Justice is surprised that we have never censured the barristers. Now, does Sir Francis Pigott seriously contend that the press should criticise or censure the idiosyncrasies of private individuals with the same freedom as those of public servants or public services? Does he not see that in our capacity as one of the mouthpieces of the community we are perfectly within our right in combatting any attempt on the

part of civil servants to obtain more than what we may believe to be their due? With every desire to be absolutely inoffensive and as respectful as the high position and personal character of the Chief Justice compels, we would point out to His Honour that he is a civil servant. We have no desire to see him or any other civil servant overworked—this we have made so clear in previous references to the subject that it should be unnecessary to again define our attitude in this regard. But while we have always contended that civil servants should be treated fairly, and even generously, we have never abandoned our right to demand that civil servants should give value for money received. The Chief Justice, no doubt, would retort that he does give value for money received, even if he were to enjoy for two months "the cool fine weather of the north." But we would point out that we understand that he is now entitled to one year's leave every three or four years and his proposition is, in effect, that his "holiday" should be doubled! Sir Francis says, and of course we accept the statement without reservation, that he took the initiative in regard to the extension of the vacation "in the public interest." But it may fairly be asked by the public—who authorised the Chief Justice to say what was or what was not the "public interest?" We know that the interpreter of the Constitution His Honour is the custodian of the public interests but we hardly think that this can give him the right to decide what constitutes the public interest on any question which may arise. If E. E. the Governor evidently was similarly doubtful, as he referred the matter to the Chamber of Commerce. With the very best of intentions, no doubt, the Chief Justice prescribed for the public a two month's vacation pill when the unhappy public was quite unaware that it required any kind of medicine. It is contrary to custom, to say the least of it, for a physician to prescribe for a patient who has not consulted him. But we find in this case that the patient has something to say for himself and emphatically refuses the heroic remedy recommended to him for a malady from which he is convinced he does not suffer. We presume that Sir Francis Pigott will admit that the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce is as well qualified to judge in what direction the public interests lie as is he. What does this aggregation of hard-headed business men, thoroughly representative of the public whose interests have been the subject of so much touching regard, say to the proposal? After seeking information, presumably from the best sources, the deliberate statement is made: "The Committee after carefully considering the question can only come to the conclusion that it is neither in the public interest to enlarge the existing official list of holidays of the Supreme Court, nor that a good case has been made out by the advocates of this scheme." Thus it will be seen that the public's authorised physician declares that the vacation pill is unnecessary while the unauthorised physician holds and expresses an exactly contrary view! Sir Francis Pigott declares that "What the real question in issue" was: "What is to be done in order to prevent those wicked barristers going away, without so much as 'with your leave, or by your leave, for a three months' holiday at any time during the year, suiting their own convenience and flouting the public interest?" To solve this question the Chief Justice called a meeting of both branches of the profession at which it was decided, Sir Francis concurring, to extend the vacation to two months: "these two months being selected at a time of the year when the cool fine weather of the north might refresh us, somewhat jaded with much law and argument during the summer heat, and send us back more keenly alive to the virtuous complaints of many suitors, and more capable of appreciating the rights and wrongs of our fellow creatures." The word "us," which we have italicised, is of importance. It is evidently meant that the Judge, as well as the Bar, should enjoy

"the cool fine weather of the north." But the "real question in issue"—we quote the Chief Justice's words—was preventing the barristers going away. Did the barristers make it a stipulation that they would not agree to a two months' vacation for themselves unless it were extended to the official head of the Supreme Court? If not the "real question in issue" could have been solved by getting the barristers to agree to restrict their holiday to two months. We agree with His Honour that if there were three Judges in Original Jurisdiction the argument in favour of the Long Vacation "would be the same," though we hold our own opinion of the value of that argument in any circumstances. But we fail to follow the Chief Justice when he says that he sees no connection between the number of Judges at work and the respite they require. Surely if the work now performed by two Judges were performed by three the strain on the two would be considerably relaxed and the need of a respite lessened? This is too obvious for argument. We leave the matter at this but not before assuring the Chief Justice of the personal regard and esteem in which we hold him, and expressing the hope that an honest expression of opinion on a public question will not be in any way misconstrued.

The questions of the Long Vacation or a third judge were probably in the mind of the Puisne Judge this morning. In reference to the business of the Court he said that he was to be engaged on an appeal case that would last all next week, and though he hoped it would be finished by Thursday he considered the Summary Court would get nothing out of him.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We would esteem it a favour if subscribers would assist us to secure proper delivery of papers by reporting any irregularities.

The death is reported from Kobe of the Rev. J. L. Atkinson, D.D.

The German Mail of the 27th January was delivered in London on the 27th inst.

A fire in Tokyo on February 17 destroyed 199 houses and damaged thirty-nine.

Two firemen of the U.S. Navy being charged with deserting were yesterday sentenced by Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz to one month's hard labour.

General Chiang Kuei-Ti, the newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Yangtze, left Peking last Friday by the Peking-Hankow Railway.

For hawking theatre tickets without a licence, Lau So was arraigned before the Magistrate by Inspector Collett this morning and was fined \$15 by Mr. Hazlewood.

For stealing lead to the value of \$3, being the property of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Tan Sze was yesterday sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment, and four hours in the stocks, by Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz.

H. E. Yuen Shih-kai has asked the Throne for permission to depute Liang Tun-yuen, Acting Junior Vice-President of the Waiwui, to survey the Kung-tung-Macao frontier with the Portuguese authorities.

Leung Kwan and Yau Ping were charged with feloniously assaulting one Ahn Singh with intent to robbery on the 27th inst., and with being in unlawful possession of an offensive weapon. The case was before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz this morning, but was remanded to Friday.

According to a San Francisco message to the "Asahi," the anti-Japanese agitation at Denver, Colorado, is becoming rapidly stronger, and as it is considered to be very likely that there will be attacks on the Japanese, they are providing themselves with pistols, swords, and other arms.

A censor has handed up to the Throne a severe denunciatory memorial in which he charges H. E. Feng Ju-kuei, Governor of Chikiang, with utter incapacity in dealing with the robbers and salt smugglers in his province, and with engaging incompetent subordinates.

A Chinaman in the employ of a European lady had the impudence to pawn some of her bedding which he was ordered to carry back from the washman. When charged at the Magistrate this morning, the man was sentenced by Mr. Gompertz to two weeks' imprisonment. The pawn-broker suffered the loss of the articles for his carelessness.

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## The Situation Discussed.

[Specially written for the "CHINA MAIL" by Lieutenant Eustace Beck, who was Chief of two Bulgarian companies in the Macedonian revolt in 1903, and a Military Correspondent for Russian papers in the Greco-Turkish war.]

The possibility of war in the Near East makes it of interest at the present moment to refer to the relations existing between Russia and Turkey which directly or indirectly led up to the present embroilment. It must be understood that Russia and Turkey are very old enemies. They have fought frequently with alternate success. We do not count the conflict which took place in 1854 in the Crimea, because that war was one in which foreign armies took part. The war of 1877-78 was between Turkey and Russia and the victory fell to Russia. This war caused Turkey to enter upon a period of commercial, political and national degeneration, and although Russia gained at arms her political advantage cannot be called a profitable one. The Treaty of Berlin also sent away the whole Russian programme because the European Powers would not agree to Russia having supreme control of the Danubian.

Russia, recognising that she had failed in the diplomatic encounter, endeavoured to change her tactics. Her eyes were upon Bulgaria, and with Slavonic cunning she commenced upon a scheme of assimilation which at once escaped the vigilance of the Bulgarians and worked to the temporary success of Russia. High military officers were sent into the Bulgarian army. Russian soldiers stayed within the territory, military schools were established, and ultimately she obtained complete control of the military and civil administration. Among the officers who were in Bulgaria at this time, it may be mentioned, was the unfortunate General Stoussel—now the scapegoat of the Empire.

In this manner the Russians swept Bulgaria along on a flood of pseudo-prosperity, and virtually ruled the country, but she never contemplated that Bulgaria would yet prove true to its birthright and would become independent.

About 1885 East Rumania revolted against Turkey and eventually joined with Bulgaria. Serbia, at the instigation of Austria-Hungary and Russia, declared war on Bulgaria. Bulgaria was placed in difficult straits. Her army was assembled on the Turkish frontier assisting the Rumanians against the Sultan, and Russia, to bring about the downfall of Bulgaria, proved traitor to the pressed State by recalling all her military officers and leaving her to her own devices. Bulgaria was at once robbed of officers, and momentarily of the power of internal administration. She had been taught to rely on the Russians, and her young students were thrust into foremost and responsible positions. Captains were made Generals, Lieutenants were chiefs of regiments, Sergeants controlled companies and young clerks were the civil administrators.

With Serbia threatening Sofia and the whole western frontier Bulgaria was compelled to withdraw her forces from the Rumanian-Turkish border to oppose the invaders of her own territory. She was adrift. The Bulgarians fought with the ferocity of men in despair and the Serbians were rapidly driven over the borders—and further. The Serbian forces were on the point of defeat when Austria and Russia intrigued and recognising the danger that such a catastrophe to Serbia would mean, intervened and stopped the war.

Meantime Turkey had visions of annexing Rumania, and the hopes of Russia and Austria-Hungary were that she would do so, but they calculated without the Bulgarians. Offered by young men though it was the army quickly learned the arts of active war and, having repelled the Serbians, at once turned again to the Rumanian frontier and there checked the Turkish invasion completely. The outlook was laid for Turkey, and the Bulgarians had every prospect of yet hoisting their banners in the Balkans. But once again Russia and Austria-Hungary stepped in and prevented further Bulgarian success. The war fizzled out, and the indemnity that Bulgaria received was the state of Rumania.

Stopped on the brink of victory the war left the hearts of the Bulgarians filled with hatred against the Russians, and during the cabinet of Stambuloff any sympathies that might have still lurked between any Bulgarians and Russia were completely severed. A new system of government was introduced by Stambuloff and the independence of the state was secured.

Twenty-five years passed, and the Balkans were more or less tranquil, except that Macedonia had a smouldering revolution which now and again burst out into a threatening flame. In this period Bulgaria progressed, and pro re nata Turkey retrograded. Bulgaria gained in wealth, and in military strength she increased to a wonderful degree. Commerce with Europe grew; the education of the people reached a high plane, 85 per cent being able to boast of at least an elementary if not a high grade of education, contrary to the state prior to the war when scarcely any of the common people could either read or write. A University was established at Sofia, and the arts and sciences were developed. Newspapers gradually began to be established in every important town, and the chief buildings in every township soon became to be the school and the hospital. Bulgaria expanded into a truly democratic country. Power came from the people, for the good of the people. Poverty

became an unknown quantity, agricultural pursuits being followed to such an extent that wealth spontaneously came from mother earth sufficient to sustain the nation. The morality of the people was high, and when a financial crisis followed the war with Serbia the Bulgarian officers forewent their salaries and served their country gratis, living upon the products of their tilling, or upon private means. Patriotism became a religion, and with all these advantages of progress Bulgaria grew in importance as an enemy of Turkey. There is a very great resemblance between this period of Bulgaria's history and modern Japan in the rapidity of their attainment of power and industrial and military progress.

Now, what happened in Turkey? The people, though backed by the traditions of great military power, were ruled by a despotic Sultan and remained stagnant. Ambition died a natural death and life resolved itself into a constant pursuit of what the Turks call *caif*; what we call pleasure. The Maginot religion instilled the belief that all who die in the service of their country reap rich rewards in Paradise, and as a consequence service in the army was once much sought after. The religion also lays it down that the Sultan is the ruler of the whole world, but despite this inspiring belief in most of her modern conflicts she has suffered the loss of glory if not of territory. Turkey has gradually shrunk. And what is the cause of this decline of the Ottoman Empire? The Turk is, as accurately described, the sick man of Europe. The nation's life blood has slowly and slowly become debilitated. In the army 50 per cent of the officers cannot write or read. It is only within the last five years that any serious attempt has been made to place the educational system upon anything like an adequate and satisfactory basis. At the beginning of the Greco-Turkish war in 1897 German officers instructed the army, General von Moltke taking exceptional interest in the effort to build it up to the state of efficiency that its number warranted. General von der Holtz (Holtz Pasha) served in Turkey and left volumes descriptive of the morale of the Turkish army, and laid it down that whilst the Turk was a fanatically brave man when alone—good, and honest—he was prone to become panicky when in a mass, and confronted with a superior force. However the discipline which the Germans endeavoured to introduce was a failure. German discipline and instructions were good for the Germans but they did not suit the Turks. In addition the Government grew grasping, and squeezed wealth from the populace, whilst the military oppressed them on every possible occasion. Trouble was introduced by the policy of sending European Turks to Turkey-in-Asia and by roping them by the Asians, and this resulted in a deterioration of the army. The Sultan grew afraid of the people, constant guard having to be kept over him to prevent attempts at assassination, and discontent spread through the country to such an extent that serious emigration to Bulgaria set in.

Educated, the Turk has a progressive tendency, but he has become apathetic, the meddling of the Powers in the control of his country deepening his understanding and robbing him of the patriotism that used to be fostered in the old days. Every Turk has the impression that his country is now without the pale of possible war, that it is in fact practically off the map. This is the outcome of absolutism! And a similar fate stares Russia in the face—and the fate will ultimately overtake that country if her size does not prevent it. The Turkish people cannot correct the condition they are in. Revolution is impossible because the people are demoralised and organisation is utterly out of the question. Her fate seems obvious. She will ultimately be partitioned and absorbed by the Powers. Turkey is done!

And though there is an idea that Russia will very soon declare war upon Turkey that is impossible. Why? Because the European powers will prevent Russia from moving; they will partition Turkey by and by without Russia; because the revolutionary spirit existing in Russia would militate against a war—and war is contrary to the desire of the Russian Government, knowing as it does that the revolutionary propaganda is a just one, and another attempt at war will be the match that will explode the revolutionary powder barrel and involve the ruin of the bureaucracy; because the Persian, the Far Eastern, and the Finnish situations are too fraught with danger; and a very vital reason—because Russia is without the money and fleet necessary to enter upon any campaign whatever. It may be taken for granted that unless Russia is absolutely driven into a corner she will do her best to save off possible trouble.

But if there is to be war in the south of Europe it will be declared from Bulgaria, in alliance with Serbia, Rumania and Montenegro, against Turkey, in possible alliance with Greece. It must be explained that in 1903 Bulgaria had her army mobilised for war against Turkey and the country clamoured for it, and only the precipitation of the Russo-Japanese war prevented the outbreak. There is still a possibility that Bulgarians will get their revenge; though there is a bigger possibility that Turkey will be gobbled by the Powers before Bulgaria is able to square accounts.

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## RIGHTS OF PROPERTY.

## Upheld By The Czar.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, February 28.

The Czar has received three hundred of the members of the Duma at his palace at Tsarskoelso.

His Majesty exhorted the members to help him to strengthen law and order and declared that he would never sanction any infringement of any character in the rights of property.

## THE KIANGSU LOAN.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

Peking, February 27.

The various articles of the Kiangsu Railway Loan, with the exception of the clauses relating to the appointment of British Auditors and Engineers, have been practically settled, and the agreement is to be signed shortly.

## THE JAPANESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

London, February 28.

The Columbia Full Court has upheld the decision of the Chief Justice in the Immigration Act.

## IN MACEDONIA

## A Critical Situation

London, February 26.

Parliament has debated the situation in Macedonia. In the House of Lords Lord Fitzmaurice admitted that the situation was disappointing and critical, owing to the attitude of the Porte and the disagreement of the Powers.

At the Chamber of Commerce dinner Count Metterich said that the German Government seriously hopes that steps may be taken by the Powers to terminate the massacres in Macedonia, to which end German policy was directed until action effected reforms.

## JAPAN IN MANCHURIA.

## The Railway Question.

London, February 26.

A Japanese official statement, which has been published in London, says that the matter in dispute re the South Manchurian railways is not connected with the question of the "open door." Japan cannot afford to allow the construction of the Chinese line, and intends to hold China to her solemn undertaking under the treaty of 1905.

Reuter's Telegram Co., Ltd., is informed that Sir Edward Grey has intimated to Japan that he recognizes the validity of the Japanese contention regarding the South Manchurian railways, but it remains for the contractors to prove to Japan that the proposed new Chinese line will be a feeder and not a competitor to the Japanese railway.

## THE N. D. L.

## New Steamer Service

London, February 26.

The Nord Deutscher Lloyd, for an additional subsidy of £25,000 yearly, establishes a regular monthly service between Sydney, New Guinea, Hongkong and Japan, and will resume the New Guinea-Singapore service.

## THE COOLIE TRADE.

## Tax for the Taotai.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Amoy, February 24.

The Hong "Wan" is left here on Saturday with 848 passengers, after waiting a week. The Singapore trade in coolies is now getting brisker as all the New Year festivities are now over, and they are able to get away more easily. It is rumoured that a new company has been formed, with two steamers, which will run on the Singapore berth, and financed by Rangoon Chinamen.

I do not know whether it is known, but every man who lands in Amoy has to pay \$1 for doing so. These dollars go to the Taotai, and \$1,000 is paid yearly to the Anglo-Chinese College in Changchow. A former Taotai, because he would not "squeeze" got hopelessly into debt as his ordinary salary would not cover current expenses. So the British Consul put this thing through, and augmented his salary with this \$1 tax on each returning coolie.

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## TEST CRICKET.

## THE AVERAGES.

The following are the batting and bowling averages of the English and Australian players in the series of test matches just concluded. The averages are compiled from our special telegrams—

## Batting.

Country	Times not out	Times out	Runs	High score	Total	Average
ENGLAND.						
W. Armstrong	10	1	133	417	46.33	
H. C. Hill	10	3	66	300	42.85	
P. Hartigan	10	4	116	170	42.60	
M. A. Noble	10	0	65	336	39.60	
C. Hill	10	0	160	380	38.00	
S. R. Gregory	10	0	53	139	34.75	
V. Trumper	10	0	106	331	33.10	
V. Ransford	10	1	54	288	32.00	
G. H. Hazlett	10	4	34	56	28.00	
G. G. McCartney	10	0	54	273	27.30	
A. C. Catter	10	4	33	79	26.33	
P. McAlister	10	8	41	165	19.12	
J. O'Connor	10	1	39	82	18.40	
J. V. Saunders	10	9	11	11	1.57	
Queensland	10	0	9	11	1.57	
Victoria	10	0	9	11	1.57	
South Australia	10	0	9	11	1.57	

## Bowling.

	Inns.	Times not out	Wickets taken	Runs scored	Total	Average
* G. Gunn...	10	1	122	402	51.33	
+ J. B. Hobbs...	9	1	82	303	37.87	
* J. H. Statham...	10	0	72	311	31.10	
* N. L. Hutchings...	10	0	126	274	27.40	
* P. C. Braund...	10	1	59	243	24.30	
* F. L. Fane...	8	0	48	192	24.00	
+ W. Rhodes...	10	0	70	206	20.60	
+ J. N. Crawford...	1	1	62	182	18.00	
* A. O. Jones...	4	0	34	68	17.00	
* S. F. Barnes...	10	2	38	121	15.12	
* A. Fielder...	8	4	20	51	12.25	
* C. Blythe...	10	2	15	20	10.00	
* J. H. Humphries...	1	1	16	44	8.80	
* S. R. A. Young...	4	0	13	27	6.75	
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MARMORA .....	Mar 21	MOOLTAN .....	April 4	April 11
DELHI .....	Apr 4	MOOLTAN .....	April 18	April 25
MALTA .....	Apr 18	MOOLTAN .....	May 2	May 9
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NUBIA .....	Mar 7	MOOLTAN .....	Saturday, 1908	Saturday, 1908
MANILA .....	Mar 21	MOOLTAN .....	April 4	April 11
BORNEO .....	Apr 4	MOOLTAN .....	April 18	April 25
NOBE .....	Apr 18	MOOLTAN .....	May 2	May 9
JAPAN .....	May 2	MOOLTAN .....	May 16	May 23
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DAIUN MARU	Mar 21	MOOLTAN .....	April 4	April 11
SHOSHU MARU	Apr 4	MOOLTAN .....	April 18	April 25
SHOSHU MARU	Apr 18	MOOLTAN .....	May 2	May 9
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Hongkong, February 27, 1908. 318

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FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

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Hongkong, February 26, 1908. 314

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All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godown on TUESDAY, March 3rd, at 10 a.m.  
S. SILVESTRE, Agent.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1908. 317

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBORO, LONDON & STRAITS.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
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Hongkong, February 24, 1908. 302

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship 'Avonport' having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.  
Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.  
Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m., of the 27th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.  
Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
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DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD., Agents.  
Hongkong, February 23, 1908. 313

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THE CHINA MAIL, LTD.

## JAPAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER.

May be Impeached.

It is asserted in a dispatch from Tokyo that Viscount Aoki is greatly indignant with Count Hayashi, the Foreign Minister, because the latter relieved him of the position of Ambassador at Washington after his departure from San Francisco, whereas the instructions received by the Viscount were simply to come home to confer with the Government. The Viscount is alleged to have stated that he did not know that he had been relieved until he arrived at Yokohama. In support of these assertions it is said that Viscount Aoki has not once visited the Foreign Department since his return, giving as the reason that all necessary reports will be submitted by Mr. Miyake, Counsellor to the Embassy at Washington, who is expected home shortly. It is reported that the Kensei Honto, Yokohama and Laido Clubs are collecting materials from the South Manchurian Railway Company, the Toa Dobun Kai, which is presided over by Count Okuma, and Mr. Inukai of the Kensei Honto, who recently paid visits to several places in China and Manchuria, for a joint attack on Count Hayashi. It will be remembered that it was stated that a movement was on foot to introduce in the Diet a law of confidence in the Foreign Minister.

The 'Japan Herald' states that the small-pox epidemic is spreading in Tokyo, about thirty fresh cases now being reported daily. Since the first outbreak early this year, the patients have numbered 418.

It is with deep regret that we 'N. O. Daily News' have to announce the death at the General Hospital on Feb. 20 of Herr E. von Hirsch, Consul-General for Austria-Hungary. Herr von Hirsch's death (following upon an operation for appendicitis) has come as a great shock to his numerous friends, for he was deservedly popular and held in general esteem.

## Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

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8.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes	
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes	
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes	
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes	
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes	
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes	
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes	
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12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
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## HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, February 27th, 1908.  
At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

### Satchel Meat.

Meat	Price
Beef, sirloin & prime cut—Mal Lung Pa	1b 20
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	20
Roast—Shiu	20
Breast—Nagu Lam	15
Soup—Tong Yuk	15
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	20
Custom Ngau Lau Sirloin	30
Bananas—Ngau Chang	26
Hollock's Brains—Siu	10
Tongue—fresh—Ngau Li	50
Corned—Ham Ngau H	55
Head—Ngau Tau	85
Heart—Ngau Sum	13
Hump—Salt—Ngau Kin	18
Feet—Ngau Kerk	7
Kidneys—Ngau Yia	10
Tail—Ngau Mei	17
Liver—Ngau Oau	13
Tripe (dressed)—Ngau To	6
Olives Head & Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-kak, set	\$1.00
Mutton Chop—Young Pal Kwat	1b 22
Leg—Young Pal	22
Shoulder—Young Shau	20
Pigs' Chittings—Chi chong	24
Brains—Chi Know	2
Foot—Chi Kerk	12
Fry—Chi Chak	15
Head—Chi Tau	15
Heart—Chi Sam	10
Kidneys—Chi Yiu	8
Liver—Chi On	30
Pork Chop—Chi Pal Kwat	22
Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	24
Leg—Chu Pal	24
Fat or Lard—Chi Yan	20
Shooper's Head and Feet—Young Tau Kerk set	50
Heart—Young Sum	6
Kidneys—Young Yiu	10
Liver—Young On	22
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Cho Chai	22
Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau	20
Mutton—Sang Young Yau	24
Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk	20
Bananas—Ngau Chai Uheot	20

### Poultry.

Poultry	Price
Chickens—Kai Chai	30
Capon, Large, Small—Sin Kai	30
Ducks—A	22
Doves—Pan Kuo	15
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tau	24
Fowls, Canton—Kai	14
Batman—Hoi Nam Kai	32
Geese—Ngai	21
Geese, Wild—Shai—Yiu Ngai, pair	—
Mock Deer—Wong Keag	each
Hare, Shanghai—Tin Chai	—
Partridge—Che Kuo	60
Pheasant—Shan Kai	pair
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each 25
Hohow—Hoi Hoi Pak Kap	32
Quail—Um Chiu	13
Sio Birds—Wo Pa Chook	dozen
Snipe—Si Choy	each 24
Turkeys, Cork—Poh Kai Kung	60
Hen—No	45
Wild Ducks, Shai—Shanghai Suiap	pair
Teal—Sui Ap Chai	55
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sui Ap, ea.	55

### Fish.

Chicken, —Kai Ohai ...	lb	30	雞仔
Capons, Large, Small, —Sin Kai ...	...	30	鴨雞
Cuckoo, —A ...	...	22	鴨
Doves, —Pan Kau ...	each	15	斑鳩
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan ...	per dozen	24	鴨蛋
Geese, Canton, —Kai ...	lb.	34	鴨
Goats, —Hoi Nam Kai ...	...	38	海狗
Goose, —Ngai ...	...	21	鴨
Goose, Wild Shai, —Shi Yee Ngai, ...	pair	...	上海野
Jack Deer, —Wong Keag ...	each	...	黃麋
Larks, Shanghai, —Tui Ohai ...	...	...	鴉片
Larks, —Che Kung ...	...	60	鴉片
Leopards, —Shan Kai ...	pair	...	山獅
Monkeys, Canton, —Pak Kap ...	each	25	白猴
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Extraterrestrial Ports	Eastern (a).....	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Feb. 25, at Noon.
Boston & New York	Kennebec (a).....	Standard Oil Co.	March 7, at Noon.
Coast Ports & Shanghai	Shushu Mara (a).....	Usaka Shosen Kaisha.	Mar. 8, at 10 a.m.
Manila & Iloilo	Shanghai (a).....	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 8, at 4 p.m.
Europe, &c.	Goshen (a).....	Melchers & Co.	Mar. 11, at Noon.
Manila, London &c.	Arabia (a).....	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 11, at 10 a.m.
Manila, London &c.	Malta Mara (a).....	Portland & A. S. Co.	Mar. 12, at Noon.
Manila, London &c.	Duba (a).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Mar. 7, Daylight.
Manila, London &c.	Socotra (a).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Mar. 7, at Noon.
Manila, London &c.	Yamaguchi (a).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	about Mar. 6.
Manila, London &c.	Yungang (a).....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 6, at p.m.
Manila, London &c.	Loongang (a).....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 13, at 4 p.m.
Manila, London &c.	Rubi (a).....	Shawson, Tomes & Co.	Feb. 29, at Noon.
Manila, London &c.	Yamaguchi (a).....	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 7, at Noon.
Manila, London &c.	Yamaguchi (a).....	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 10, at 4 p.m.
Manila, London &c.	Yamaguchi (a).....	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 9, at 4 p.m.
Manila, London &c.	Yamaguchi (a).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Mar. 20, at Noon.
Manila, London &c.	Yamaguchi (a).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Mar. 3, at Noon.
Manila, London &c.	Yamaguchi (a).....	Messageries Maritimes.	Mar. 4, at Noon.
Manila, London &c.	Yamaguchi (a).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Mar. 4, Daylight.
Manila, London &c.	Yamaguchi (a).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	about Feb. 16.
Manila, London &c.	Yamaguchi (a).....	Shawson, Tomes & Co.	about March 16.

Saila Cruz, Mexico.	Powhatan (e).....	Eng Hock Fong s.s. Co	Mar. 5,	at p.m.
San Francisco via Japan.	Aia (e).....	O. & S. S. Co.	Feb. 29,	at noon.
San Francisco via Japan.	Mogolla (e).....	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.,	Feb. 7,	Daylight.
San Francisco via Japan.	Korea (e).....	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Apr. 8,	at Noon.
Seattle, Amoy & Shanghai.	Dumina Mura (e).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 17,	at Noon.
Shanghai, Amoy & Tientsin.	Jilin Mura (e).....	Asaka Shoen Kaisha.	Mar. 1,	at 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Amoy & Yokohama.	Shanghai (e).....	Yokohama Specie Bank.	Mar. 1,	at Noon.
Shanghai, Amoy, Kobe, Yana.	Shanghai (e).....	Garrison Apex (e)	Feb. 29,	at noon.
Shanghai, Amoy, Kobe, Yana.	Shanghai (e).....	D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd.	Mar. 5,	at 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Amoy, Kobe, Yana.	Borneo (e).....	D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd.	Mar. 5,	at 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Amoy, Kobe, Yana.	Yellow (e).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Mar.	at Noon.
Shanghai, Amoy, Kobe, Yana.	Yellow (e).....	W. & A. Gutzwiller & Co.	Mar. 5,	at Noon.
Shanghai, Amoy, Kobe, Yana.	Yellow (e).....	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 5,	at Noon.

Shanghai	Marmora (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	about Mar. 6
'Shai, Kobe & Y'phama	Polymecion (a)	Messageries Maritimes	about Mar. 2
'Shai, Chin'iao & Amoy	Ceylan (a)	Messageries Maritimes	about Mar. 5
'S'ory, Pang, 'C'bo, &c.	Myori Maru (a)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	March 6
'Shanghai & Kobe	Takasaki Maru (a)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	March 4
'S'ore, P'orang & C'tta	Laissang (a)	Jardine, Math'son & Co. Ltd.	Feb. 28, at Noon
'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Y'ms	Poosang (a)	Jardine, Math'son & Co. Ltd.	Mar. 13, at 2 p.m.
Takao Direct	Rokko Maru (a)	Utsuki Shosen Kaisha	Feb. 29, at 4 a.m.
Tientsin	Changshing (a)	Jardine, Math'son & Co. Ltd.	Mar. 4, at Noon
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Shamput (a)	Dredral, & Co. Limited	Feb. 29, at 5 a.m.

Victoria, B.C., Seattle	Aki Maru (s) .....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Mar. 3, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Empress of China (s) .....	Canadian P&N Co.	March 12 at 4 p.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Lennox (s) .....	Canadian P&N Co.	Mar. 25, at Noon
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Empress of India (s) .....	Canadian P&N Co.	April 3, at 4 p.m.
Weihaiwei & Tientsin	Huichow (s) .....	Butterfield & Swire...	Feb. 29, at 4 p.m.

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## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

February 28, 1998.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotation Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	120,000	\$	126 1/2	\$700, sellers
Natiodal Bank of China, Limited	99,825	£	7 1/2	£75
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	250 1/2	\$242 1/2, sellers
China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$	83 3/8	\$81, buyers
China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	15 1/2	£16 1/8

Yanagisawa Insurance Association Tr.	8,000	\$	100	\$	60	\$147 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
						\$137 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
<b>FIRE INSURANCE.</b>						
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. ....	20,000	\$	100	20	\$92, sellers	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., ..	8,000	\$	250	50	\$332 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , sales	
<b>BOATS, ETC.</b>						
Hwang & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	50	all.	\$94, ex div.	
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited. ....	18,000	\$	25	\$5	\$14, sellers	
	10,000	\$	63	\$	\$10	

Shanghai Door and Bulk, etc.						
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.						
Chios and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	81,000	\$	25	\$	25	\$15, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	\$	60	all		\$40
H. R. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$	15	15		\$24, ex div., sales & c
Indo-China S. N. Company, Ltd.	60,000	£	5	all		\$24, sellers
	10,000	£	10	5		\$26, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	£	10	5		\$124, buyers
	100,000	£	10	5		\$15, all

Taka Tung and Lighter Co., Ltd.	200, 00	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls.	45
Shanghai Tung and Lighter Co., Ltd.	100, 00	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls.	45
do. Preference.							
<b>RECEIPTS.</b>							
China Sugar Company, Limited.....	20,000	\$	100	all	\$114	buyers	
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.....	7,000	\$	100	all	\$14	buyers	
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd. ..	7,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	50		
<b>EXPENSES.</b>							
H. K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	40,000		50	all	\$54		
	20,000		50	all	\$50		

LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.....	50,000	\$ 100	100	100½
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited .....	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 103
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Limited .....	6,000	\$ 59	\$ 30	\$27, ex div.
Wei-hai-wei Land & Building Co., Limited .....	3,874	Tls. 23	Tls. 25	Tls. 27
Wu-chow Estate & Finance Co., Limited .....	150,000	\$ 10	all	\$10. above

TRAMWAYS.							
The Peak Tramways Co., Ltd.....	25,000	\$	10	all	\$13, sales		
	50,000	\$	10	\$ 1	\$2		
MINING.							
Société Française des Charbon-	16,000	Frs.	250	all	7525, buyers		
nages du Tonkin .....							
200,000	\$.	1	18/10		\$3, sellers		
Raub Ant. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.							
HOTELS, ETC.							
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.,	12,000	\$	50	all	\$104, sellers		
100,000	\$	55	25	\$22			

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited .....	30,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$10, buyers
Watkins Limited .....	10,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$24
WEIGHTING.						
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited...	7,000	£	10	all		\$176
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd. ....	8,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls. 06
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited...	80,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$14, 06
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Green Island Cement Co. Ltd. ....	400,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$14, sellers
Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd. ....	10,000	\$	100	\$	100	\$160, sales

Limited	100,000	\$	10	3	4	810, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency,	100,000	\$	10	6	10	810, buyers
Limited	60,000	\$	10	10	10	810, sales & sellers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	25,000	\$	74	6	6	816
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	5,000	\$	28	6	all	8240
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	16,350	£	20	20	20	714, 360
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	50,000	£	15	16	16	855, 399
H'Kong Rao Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$	10	10	all	825, buyers
Hankow Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.		\$	10	10	10	83, selling

ing Co., Limited	25,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 55	
International Cotton Manufactur-				
ing Co., Limited	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 55
Laco-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning				
and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 75
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co. Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 600	Tls. 500	Tls. 270
China Provident Loan Mortgage				
Co., Limited	200,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$9, sellers
China Domes Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$11, sales & sellers
China Bell Measures Co., Limited	1,200	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$11

Wm. Powell, Limited, .....	3,000	10	10	60, sales
South China Morning Post.....	6,000	25	25	\$20
China Light and Power Company	50,000	10	10	
.....	50,000	1	1	\$5, sales & buyers
Suean Laundry Company, Limited..	20,000	4	5	\$6, sellers
Weismann Limited, .....	175	100	100	\$16, sales
GGAR COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Limited .....	67,500	10	10	\$6, buyers
Alhambra Limited .....	800	500	50	Nominal

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